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SUBJECT:NASA EARTH RESOURCES SATELLITE (LANDSAT) INVESTI-
GATIONS PROGRAM.

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1. REQUEST ADVISE STATUS OF REF. TEL. TIME IS BECOMING
IMPORTANT FACTOR. NASA IS HOLDING OPEN A SEGMENT OF ITS
SATELLITE DATA GATHERING CAPACITY PENDING GABON'S DECISION
TO USE IT. HOWEVER, ONE OF TWO ONBOARD TAPE RECORDERS
HAS FAILED, SEVERELY LIMITING COVERAGE CAPABILITY IN
AREAS OUTSIDE RANGE OF EXISTING GROUND RECEIVING STATIONS.
GABON IS SUCH AN AREA. MOREOVER, UNANTICIPATED HEAVY
DEMANDS ON REMAINING TAPE RECORDER HAVE REDUCED EXPECTED
LIFE TIME. TO MAXIMIZE POSSIBILITY OF COVERAGE OF
PROPOSED GABON TEST SITES, SIGNED PROVISIONS FOR PARTICIPA-
TION SHOULD BE RETURNED TO NASA ASAP BY THE MINISTRY OF
MINES, IF GOG STILL INTERESTED IN PURSUING INVESTIGATION.

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2. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO GOG, AND

ADVISE NASA WHETHER THERE IS POSITIVE INDICATION OF
INTENT TO SIGN AND WHEN RECEIPT MIGHT BE EXPECTED.

3. REQUEST VERBAL EXPLANATION OF FOLLOWING TO GOG: BECAUSE

OF TAPE RECORDER CONSTRAINTS AND OTHER USER DEMANDS, NASA
CANNOT RESERVE SATELLITE TIME FOR GOG INDEFINITELY IN
ABSENCE OF RECEIPT OF SIGNED PROVISIONS. REQUEST RESPONSE
FROM GOG IN SIX WEEKS. IF PROVISIONS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN
TWO MONTHS, NASA WILL BE FORCED TO CONCLUDE GOG NO
LONGER INTERESTED IN PURSUING INVESTIGATION AND WILL
CONSIDER THE MATTER CLOSED. HOWEVER, HOPES ARRANGEMENTS
CAN BE FINALIZED. SISCO

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